

AMENDMENT**OFFERED BY** Rep. Adrian Smith

At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 503. RURAL PREFERENCE.**

2 Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638)
3 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 section:

5 “(dd) RURAL PREFERENCE.—In making awards
6 under this section, Federal agencies shall give priority to
7 applications so as to increase the number of SBIR and
8 STTR award recipients from rural areas.”.